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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND THE  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE MANUFACTURED BY THE METHOD

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The instant application was allowed February 18, 2004. However, the Reasons for Allowance are not commensurate with the scope of the claims.

For example, and without limitation, claim 13 does not require thermal treating for forming a second silicide film "on a substrate's surface" as recited in the reasons for allowance.

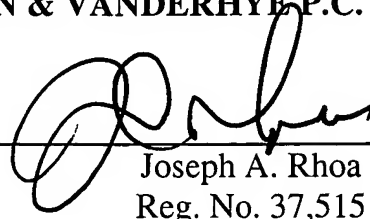
Please let me know if you should have any questions.

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Respectfully submitted,

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